

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket Number: EMS-06401

To the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks:

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Entitled: **MESSAGE-BASED DISTRIBUTED SYNCHRONIZATION IN A STORAGE SYSTEM**

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- 10 sheets of drawings
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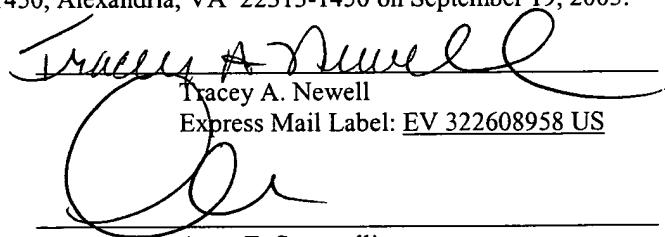
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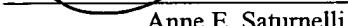
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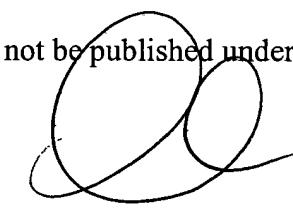
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